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- ☐ U.S. Patent Application filed herewith  
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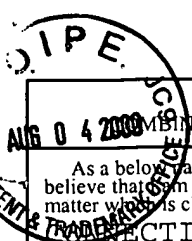
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**CONNECTING UNIT FOR THE ANGLE-ADJUSTABLE CONNECTION OF AT LEAST TWO LOUDSPEAKER ENCLOSURES, AND CORRESPONDINGLY CONNECTED LOUDSPEAKER ENCLOSURES**

the specification of which is attached hereto, unless the following box is checked:

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